



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/720,018  
Applicant : VERHO et al.  
Filed : November 24, 2003  
TC/A.U. : 1645  
Examiner : Robert A. ZEMAN

Docket No. : 2530-120  
Customer No. : 06449  
Confirmation No. : 3149

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Communication dated July 28, 2005,  
please amend the present application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.**